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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR NASA SPACE PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. AKIO TORI, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF "SCIENCE" MAGAZINE
(JAPANESE VERSION OF "SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN") PAID CALL ON
SCICOUNS APRIL 4 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
INFORMATION FROM NASA FOR USE IN SPECIAL ARTICLE FOR HIS
MAGAZINE AND FILM OR FILMS TO BE USED IN PUBLIC LECTURE
ON SPACE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, ETORI WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NASA
PUBLICATIONS WHICH GIVE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF U.S.
ASTRONAUT SELECTION AND TRAINING PROGRAM. EMBASSY'S SMALL
COLLECTION OF NASA DOCUMENTS DOES NOT CONTAIN SUCH INFO.
WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT THERE MUST BE PUBLIC
DOCUMENTATION OF ASTRONAUT PROGRAM WHICH COULD BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO ETORI. AS WE HAVE REPORTED RECENTLY, THERE
IS GROWING INTEREST IN JAPAN IN POSSIBILITY THAT JAPANESE
SCIENTISTS OR ENGINEERS WILL BE SELECTED FOR FUTURE NASA
SHUTTLE/SPACELAB MISSIONS, AND OBVIOUSLY ETORI WISHES TO
PRESENT HIS TECHNICALLY ORIENTED READERSHIP WITH DETAILS
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OF THE CARE USED IN SELECTING ASTRONAUTS AND THE RIGOROUS
TRAINING THEY MUST UNDERGO. "SCIENCE" MAGAZINE HAS
CIRCULATION OF 30,000 COPIES AND IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY.
EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS IN U.S. INTEREST TO PROVIDE
ETORI WITH INFORMATION REQUESTED TO EXTENT THAT IT IS IN
PUBLIC DOMAIN IN U.S.

3. ETORI IS ALSO PLANNING LECTURE SERIES ON SPACE TO BEGIN IN MAY. SPEAKER WILL BE PROF. TATSUZO OHBAYASHI OF UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, PROBABLY JAPAN'S MOST PROMINENT SPACE AUTHORITY, MEMBER OF SPACE ACTIVITIES COMMISSION, AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR PLASMA ACCELERATOR SPACELAB PROJECT. TO HELP ILLUSTRATE OHBAYASHI'S LECTURE, ETORI WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE LATE NASA FILM RUNNING ABOUT 30 MINUTES ON SOME POPULAR SPACE SUBJECT. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FILM ON SHUTTLE; EMBASSY HAS 15-MINUTE FILM ON SHUTTLE WHICH WAS LEFT WITH US BY NASA SHUTTLE PROGRAM MANAGER, BUT A LONGER UP-DATED VERSION WOULD BE PREFERABLE. ALTERNATIVELY, ANOTHER SUBJECT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. FIRST LECTURE IS SCHEDULED FOR MIDDLE OF MAY. ABOUT ONE WEEK IS REQUIRED TO PREPARE SOUND TRACK IN JAPANESE. THEREFORE SOME URGENCY IS ATTACHED TO THIS REQUEST.

4. REQUEST CABLE REPLY. AS SUGGESTION, IF FILM AND REPORTS ARE READILY AVAILABLE, PERHAPS DR. PIKUS COULD BRING THEM TO JAPAN NEXT WEEK. MANSFIELD

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